

Application No. 10/018,080
Amendment of December 17, 2003
Reply to Office Action of July 17, 2003

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 of the specification to recite the claim to priority:

--This application is a nationalized application of PCT Application No. PCT/EP 00/05237, filed on June 7, 2000, which claims priority to an European Patent Application No. 99810517.7, filed on June 11, 1999. The disclosures of the priority applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--